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ATTN WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: GEN. CLIFTON

HAS DIRECTED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE MUST REACH

THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE FROM

PALM BEACH AT 0800. ADDRESSEE IS CAPT. SHEPARD OR

GEN. MCHUGH EYES ONLY, COPY FOR MR. BROMLEY SMITH.

BEGIN TEXT:

PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECK LIST--18 MARCH 1963

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A.

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AT LEAST 650 "TROOPS" WERE SEEN MOVING IN

CONVOY TO THE DOCK AREA PRIOR TO THE ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV'S SAILING

ON FRIDAY. THEY ESTIMATE FROM THE DENSITY OF PASSENGERS ON THE

SHIP'S DECK THAT AS MANY AS 1,000 MEN WERE ABOARD.

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2. ARAB STATES:

A. THOSE DISCUSSIONS ON FEDERATION BY EGYPT, IRAQ, AND
SYRIA--NOW TEMPORARILY RECESSED--ARE FLAGGED BY SECOND THOUGHTS.

THE BAATHIST LEADERS OF IRAQ AND SYRIA ARE BARGAINING FOR THE
LOOSEST KIND OF FEDERATION.

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A. ADOULA PROFESSES TO BE UNRUFFLED BY THE HEAVY
OPPOSITION VOTE AGAINST HIM IN THE CONGOLESE PARLIAMENT ON
FRIDAY. HE CONTENDS THAT WAYS CAN BE FOUND TO AVERT THE
DOWNFALL OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

B. AMBASSADOR GULLION REPORTS THAT ADOULA'S OPPONENTS
ARE FEELING THEIR OATS.

C. ADOULA, DESPITE HIS SHOW OF TRANQUILITY, IS DWELLING
FOR THE FIRST TIME ON A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR. HE INSISTS, HOWEVER,
THAT IN NO EVENT WILL A LUMUMBIST BE ALLOWED TO FOLLOW HIM,
INTIMATING THAT THIS WILL BE PREVENTED BY EXTRA-CONSTITUTIONAL
MEANS IF NECESSARY. [REDACTED] 50X1

4. EEC

A. THERE ARE SOME SIGNS THAT WEST GERMANY IS BREAKING
RANKS WITH ITALY AND THE BENELUX COUNTRIES IN EEC DISCUSSIONS
ON THE US TRADE EXPANSION ACT. 50X1

B. THE GERMANS GAVE THE FRENCH TACIT SUPPORT AT A
RECENT MEETING ON THE QUESTION BY NOT JOINING THE OTHER FOUR
IN OPPOSITION TO THE FRENCH POSITION. [REDACTED] 50X1

5. COSTA RICA:

A. [REDACTED] A NUMBER
OF COMMUNISTS HAVE LEFT TOWN VOLUNTARILY BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR
OF BECOMING EMBROILED WITH THE POLICE. [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] ABOUT 150 MEMBERS OF MOVIMENTO COSTA

RICA LIBRE ARE ALSO PATROLLING THE CITY AND ATTEMPTING TO KEEP
AN EYE ON TROUBLE MAKERS. A COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT TEAM OF 200
MEN IS COVERING THE CITY AND PAINTING OUT ADVERSE SIGNS [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] 50X1
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A. THE AP REPORTS FROM BRASILIA THIS MORNING THAT GOULART HAS ORDERED SUSPENSION OF AID TALKS IN WASHINGTON PENDING

"CLARIFICATION" OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT

BEFORE CONGRESS ON COMMUNIST INFILTRATION. [REDACTED]

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B. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE PRO-CASTRO CONGRESS PROJECTED FOR

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LATER THIS MONTH IN RIO. [REDACTED]

THE BRAZILIAN

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AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA SAYS HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ISSUE NO VISAS AT ALL TO WOULD-BE PARTICIPANTS. ALTHOUGH IT IS REASONABLE

TO SUPPOSE THAT BRAZILIAN EMBASSIES ELSEWHERE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS SO.

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7. NOTES:

A. ARGENTINA: TENSION HAS SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT AMONG THE ARGENTINE MILITARY FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF GENERAL ONGAMA--

THE MUCH-RESPECTED ARMY CHIEF--FROM HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE

US. JUDICIAL SANCTION OF THE PERONIST UNION POPULAR REMAINS

DEEPLY DISQUIETING TO THE MILITARY AND IT IS QUESTIONABLE HOW

LONG THE CAL^M WILL LAST. [REDACTED]

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B. SOMALI REPUBLIC: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SOMALI SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO

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TAKE UP POSITIONS ALONG BOTH THE KENYAN AND ETHIOPIAN BORDERS.

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WITH GENERAL PHOLMI WHICH CALLS FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE BY RIGHTIST

FORCES IN THE EVENT OF A PATHET LAO ATTACK ON KONG LE [REDACTED]

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D. ECUADOR: RIGHTIST MILITARY GROUPS ARE CONTINUING

TO BROOD OVER THE DESIRABILITY OF OVERTHROWING PRESIDENT

AROSEMENA. [REDACTED]

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E. BOLIVIA: BOLIVIAN, CUBAN AND US TEAMS ARE MAKING A
BEELINE FOR THE SCENE OF THE CRASHED BOLIVIAN AIRCRAFT WHICH
CARRIED A CUBAN DIPLOMATIC COURIER. THE WINNER OUGHT TO ARRIVE
THERE SOMETIME TODAY. [REDACTED]

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